

# KILL Lansley's NHS Bill!

The coalition government is pushing legislation through Parliament that would dismantle our National Health Service. The 'Health and Social Care Bill', published last month, has been almost universally criticised – but poorly reported in the media, so there are important proposals you will probably know nothing about. For instance:

**DID YOU KNOW** that while David Cameron and Andrew Lansley claim that the Bill is “evolution” rather than “revolution”, the Bill is bigger and more complex than Aneurin Bevan’s Act that set up the NHS in 1948? NHS chief executive Sir David Nicholson says it’s big enough to be “visible from space”!

**DID YOU KNOW** the Bill could effectively privatise almost 1 million NHS staff in England by 2014?

**DID YOU KNOW** that £100 billion of taxpayers’ money would be handed over to GP consortiums and an NHS Commissioning Board that will meet with press and public excluded, publish no papers, and not even be required to consult before imposing cuts closures and major changes?

**DID YOU KNOW** clinical services are for the first time to be opened up to bids from “Any Willing Provider” – with competition based on the **lowest price** – opening

the door to cowboy private companies, and smashing down quality of care, in the same way as Thatcher’s privatisation of hospital cleaning wrecked hospital hygiene standards and kick-started MRSA in the 1980s?



*Mr Lansley thinks his plan will work*



*A couple of willing providers: Lovely Jubbly!*

**DID YOU KNOW** that Foundation Trusts will be free to make as much money as they like from private medicine, treating more wealthy patients from home and abroad, while NHS budgets are squeezed?

**DID YOU KNOW** that – despite all the hype – GPs will NOT really be in charge, but will be under the thumb of a remote, bureaucratic NHS Commissioning Board? GPs will not even have any say over which providers will be registered nationally. All the real work of commissioning services will be done by back-room management teams, many of them from private companies.

**DID YOU KNOW** that £20 billion of cuts will mean the GP consortia, being set up without any consultation with their own patients or public, will be forced to act as rationing boards, deciding what services to close and exclude from the NHS?

**DID YOU KNOW** that patients will have even less choices than they do now: hospital referrals will require the rubber stamp of “referral management” teams, often run by private companies, seeking to cut spending.

**DID YOU KNOW** that the expansion of private providers will inevitably bankrupt and close many local NHS services and hospitals – leaving patients to travel further for treatment. Nobody is choosing that.

**The Bill is** long and complicated: but the issues are clear: it is smashing up our NHS and opening the doors to private profiteers. It is completing Thatcher’s privatisation drive of the 1980s.

**That’s why** we have to Kill Lansley’s Bill before it kills the NHS. Join the campaign.

**Join our call** for a referendum on these proposals which were not in either coalition party’s manifesto and have never been put to the electorate.

**For more details on the Bill and the campaign: [www.keepournhspublic.com](http://www.keepournhspublic.com)**